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SUBJ : IV GRANT FOR TRADITIONAL RULER: EMIR OF LAFIA

1. POST NOMINATES FOR REGULAR THIRTY-DAY IV GRANT HIS HIGHNESS ALHAJI ISA MUSTAFA, EMIR OF LAFIA, PLATEAU STATE. PROPOSE FUND FROM CPP PROJECT C-1, INCREASING TOTAL TO TWO (EMIR OF KANO PREVIOUSLY

ACCEPTED) THIS CATEGORY.

2. BIODATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME : HIGH HIGHNESS ALHAJI ISA MUSTAFA, AGWAI I

PRESENT POSITION: EMIR OF LAFIA, PLATEAU STATE

POAST POSITIONS: EMIR OF LAFIA, PLATEAU STATE

PAST POSITIONS: DISTRICT HEAD OF OBI, LAFIA DIVISION;
ASSISTANT TREASURER, LAFIA LOCAL AUTHORITY;
ACCOUNTANT, LAFIA LOCAL AUTHORITY

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: 1932; LAFIA, PLETEAU STATE.

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: NIGERIA; NONE PREVIOUS

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO THE US: NONE

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PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES: SAUDI ARABIA, 1964, 1965

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PREVIOUS USG GRANT: NONE

ESCORT SERVICES : REQUESTED

VISA ELIGIBILITY : NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY, VISA ELIGIBLE

REASON FOR NOMINATION: THE EMIR OF LAFIA, ONE OF MOST IMPOPULATION OF AROUND 500,000 PERSONS.
WELL EDUCATED, FORMER MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF CHIEFS OF THE NORTH WHICH WAS ABOLISHED WITH INDEPENDENCE9 HE SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH WELL AND HAS EXPRESSED KEEN DESIRE TO VISIT UNITED STATES. HE IS ONE OF NUMBER OF YOUNGER TRADTIONAL RULERS WHO SHOW AN INTENSE INTEREST IN MODERN FARMING AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TECHNIQUES AIMED AT IMPROVING OVERALL LIVING CONDITIONS OF THEIV PEOPLE.

OBJECTIVES OF US VISIT: THE EMIR OF LAFIA IS RESPECTED INTELLECTUAL BEADER NOT ONLY IN HIS OWN DIVISION BUT
THROUGHOUT THE NORTH. HIS FIRST-HAND OBSERVATIONS OF AMERICAN FARMING AND EDUCATION TECHNIQUES AS WELL AS COUNTY AND AREA ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS SHOULD GIVE HIM IMPORTANT NEW INSIGHTS INTO TECHNIQUES PROCEDURES WHICH WOULD BE VALUABLE IN ACHIEVING HIS PROGRAMMING OBJECTIVES. OBSERVING BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES AND VISITING IMPORTANT HISTORIC SIGHTS IN U.S. WOULD HELP STRENGTHEN HIS APPRECIATION OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC, INDUSTRIAL GROWTH AS WELL AS AMERICAN VALUES, INSTITUTIONS AND DYNAMICS OF AMERICAN CULTURE IN GENERAL. HIS INFLUENCE COULD ALSO STINULATE INTEREST IN AMERICAN PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THAT COULD BE UTILIZED EFFICIENTLY IN NIGERIAN DEVELOPMENT. THE EMIR IS IN A POSITION TO CONVEY ACCURATELY AND UNDERSTANDINGLY STORY OF AMERICA IN HIS OWN DIVISION AS WELL AF THROUGHOUT PLATEAU STATE THROUGH HIS PERIODIC MEETINGS WITH OTHER EMIRS IN STATE.

AVAILABILITY DATE FOR US VISIT: MAY 17, 1976 FOR 30 DAYS.

3. ALTERNATE: ALHAJI SHEHU IDRIS
EMIR OF ZARIA

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